Imposition of fine on foreign ships

959. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fine has been imposed on the foreign ships found fishing in the Indian territorial waters during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the amount collected on this account and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

प्राकृतिक आपदा के कारण फसलों की क्षति

960. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:**
श्री राज मोहिन्दर सिंह:

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1998-99 के वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान देश के विभिन्न राज्यों में प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण विभिन्न प्रकार के खाद्यान्नों की तबाही हुई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस-किस राज्य में कौन-कौन सी फसल कितनी-कितनी मात्रा में प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण नष्ट हुई;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उत्पादकों को हुए नुकसान की भरपाई करने के लिए आर्थिक सहायता देने की घोषणा की थी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो किस-किस राज्य को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि देने की घोषणा की गई थी तथा अभी तक इस घोषित धनराशि में से कितनी-कितनी राशि राज्यों को जारी की गई है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Development of milk dairies in Punjab

961. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is ample scope for the development of milk dairies in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up Milk Development Board in the State with the financial and technical assistance of the National Dairy Development Board; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to set up a Dairy Board with financial and technical assistance of National Dairy Development Board. However, the State Government of Punjab is considering to set up a Punjab Dairy Board to act as nodal agency for integrated development of Livestock & Dairy Sector.

Area under cashew cultivation

962. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States in which cashew cultivation is carried on;

(b) the area in hectares under cashew cultivation in each State;

(c) what is the average production of cashewnuts per hectare in each State;

(d) whether Government intend to increase the area under cashew cultivation in each State; and

(e) if so, the new areas that will be brought under cashew cultivation in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Cashew is being cultivated in 13 States.